(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) In the UNESCO's Education For All Global Monitoring Report 2005, India has been ranked at 105th with Education For All Development Index 0.700 among 127 participating countries.

Excess Engineering Seats

1246. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

whether it is a fact that engineering seats on offer in the country far exceed demands; and

if so, whether roughly 20 per cent of all engineering seats remained vacant last year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) As per the information furnished by the All India Council for Technical Education, about 20% of the sanctioned seats in engineering colleges for the year 2004-05 remained unfilled. Besides the current demands for certain disciplines, actual admissions depend on several other factors such as facilities provided by the institute, faculty available, location of the institution etc.

Infrastructure Requirement for Schools

†1247. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

whether increase in the number of students has been estimated in the secondary schools during the year 2007-08 as a result of the Sarva ShikshaAbhiyan;

the estimated percentage of increase and the details regarding development of infrastructure for the secondary schools for the increased number of students;

whether there is any central scheme for setting up new secondary schools;

whether any new scheme is being contemplated;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.